

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814



November 1, 2000

ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-104-00

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY WELFARE SERVICES PROGRAM MANAGERS
ALL COUNTY WELFARE SERVICES SUPERVISORS
ALL COUNTY WELFARE ELIGIBILITY SUPERVISORS
ALL CAL-WORKS ELIGIBILITY SUPERVISORS
ALL KINSHIP CARE UNIT SUPERVISORS
ALL CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS
KINSHIP SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAM DIRECTORS
ADOPTIONS DISTRICT OFFICES

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- State Law Change
 Federal Law or Regulation Change
 Court Order
 Clarification Requested by
One or More Counties
 Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: KINSHIP GUARDIANSHIP ASSISTANCE PAYMENT PROGRAM TRAINING

The California Department of Social Services will begin training on Senate Bill (SB) 1901 (Chapter 1055, Statutes of 1998) and SB 2876 (Chapter 108, Statutes of 2000) which established the Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payment (KinGAP) Program. The purpose of the training is to assist counties with understanding the intent of the legislation and to address implementation issues related to local program development. This training is designed for administrators, managers, and supervisors in child welfare and foster care eligibility.

We strongly encourage counties to send staff to this important training. The agenda for this one day training from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. includes:

- HISTORY OF KINSHIP CARE IN CALIFORNIA
- WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT CALIFORNIA RELATIVE CAREGIVERS
- RELATIVE CAREGIVERS AND CHILDREN IN THEIR CARE, SUPPORT PROGRAMS THAT WORK
- MYTHS & LEGENDS REGARDING KinGAP
- KinGAP IMPLEMENTATION OVERVIEW
- CHALLENGES TO IMPLEMENTATION

Training schedule and locations are as follows:

11/15/00	Sacramento
11/28/00	Redding
11/30/00	Eureka (IF WE GET A MINIMUM OF 25 REGISTRATIONS)
12/5/00	Los Angeles
12/6/00	Los Angeles
12/8/00	Los Angeles
1/10/01	Fresno
1/30/01	San Diego
1/31/01	Riverside
2/7/01	Bay Area - Santa Clara or Alameda
2/8/01	Bay Area - Opposite site see above
2/22/01	San Luis Obispo

California State University, Sacramento will be handling the registrations. Please call 1-800-858-7743 or (916) 278-4960 to register. If you have other questions regarding this KinGAP training, please contact Teresa Contreras, Manager, Kinship Care Policy Unit, at (916) 445-0813.

Sincerely,

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Children and Family Services Division